

CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY

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Minutes of SPECIAL BOD Meeting August 24, 2022 - 7:00PM ZOOM

ATTENDING:

ABSENT:

P. Schaer D. Cushnie Sherman (7:06pm) Sherman (7:08pm)

M. O'Connor

Sherman

J. Main

New Fairfield

B. Licht

New Fairfield

J. Archer

New Fairfield

M. Gaffey

Brookfield

B. Lohan

Brookfield

W. Meikle

Brookfield

C. Robinson

Danbury

E. Siergiej

Danbury

D. Rosemark (phone)

Danbury

S. Kluge

New Milford

M. Toussaint

New Milford

J. Wodarski

New Milford

M. Howarth, Executive Director Neil Stalter, Director of Ecology J. Usher, Administrative Coordinator Chief Nick Mellas (phone)

Recorder:

Jeannine Usher

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Guests:

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Chairman, Marianne Gaffey called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

BY: day

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

CONSENT AGENDA

Bill Lohan made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Martin O'Connor with all voting in favor.

CLAMP (Chief Nick Mellas)

- 5 new captains were approved this year.
- Boats and facility are running great.
- Not many rain outs.
- Crisis Intervention Team Leader from Danbury Fire Department was invited to Patrol Officer in service training session for peer support and was well-received.
- Chief Mellas worked with Brookfield PD and FD, who came up with a process that helps speed routing of 911 calls coming in off the lake. He will look to collaborate with the other lake towns to duplicate the process.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Mark Howarth)

- Chief Nick Mellas will attend Crisis Intervention Counselor Training at Yale University in September.
- Mark Howarth received an update on the Silver Ships boat. Suzuki is shipping the 300 HP motors now, so we are
 going to keep with the 300. Our motor has not shipped yet. We anticipate the boat will be delivered in time for the
 2023 season.
- Public Safety meeting was earlier today. One of the topics was a discussion on potentially equipping some of some our boats with night vision and/or FLIR heat sensing cameras. The Public Safety committee plans to explore these options and potential funding for them.
- We are discussing creating a more detailed map for our website with a QR code to assist people.
- The team is considering attending the National Association Safe Boating Conference in late September in New Hampshire as it may be a good learning opportunity for the CLA.

EQUIPMENT & FACILTIES (Doug Cushnie and Michael Gasperino)

Operations Manager, Michael Gasperino has been very busy, maintaining CLA boats and the base due to increased activity. Michael provided an update on the projects he is doing on our work boat to maintain and upgrade the boat. Michael recently completed the boat count. The amounts appear to be about the same as 2022.

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT (Steve Kluge and Neil Stalter)

- The Lake Stewards will be out until Labor Day weekend. So far, the stewards have inspected nearly 500 boats.
- Zebra Mussels update we have not had any not positive veliger analyses, but there have been positive DNA samples which could be an indication of reproduction.
- FirstLight advised the CLA and DEEP that they plan to eliminate their voluntary restriction on pumping Housatonic River water into the lake during the summer. We expressed that we believe this decision is premature and that we asked to keep the voluntary restriction in place until at least the end of the season in 2024 to allow for more zebra mussel population study. The public was advised in the newsletter and social media. Letters were sent to the town CEOs and state representatives notifying them of this plan, and the CLA disagreement and recommendation.
- Neil discussed the lack of vegetation in the lake and screen-shared to discuss the "stable state" theory in more detail.

PUBLIC AWARENESS (Mark Howarth)

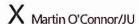
- New Patrol page was created on the website.
- · A fundraising post went out on social media.
- Newsletter went out which included information on the zebra mussels, lake vegetation, permits for buoys and a Safe Boating class.
- Cathy Donahue recently accompanied the lake patrol on a ride along.

ADJOURN

Steve Kluge made a motion to adjourn seconded by Will Meikle, with all voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Recoverable Signature



Martin O'Connor/JU Secretary Signed by. 45babc2b-7a56-4437-918f-c5251bd79aee Martin O'Connor, Secretary Jeannine Usher, Administrative Coordinator

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